



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: VEHICLE STARTING CLUTCH CONTROL DEVICE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs as indicated below. A copy of the marked-up version of the original paragraphs is attached to this response showing the changes made therein.

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Please replace page 4, paragraph 1, beginning at line 1 with:

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According to the aspect of the invention, the time when the third control means starts to control to gradually increase the transmission torque capacity of the starting clutch is delayed from the timing when the accelerator pedal is depressed. Therefore,